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## DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY

### GRADE PUPILS ON BOARDS TO-NIGHT

**Great Preparations for First General Entertainment of Year**

### ONE HUNDRED FIFTY IN SHOW

**Grades One to Eight Inclusive. Orchestra Will Furnish Music**

Everybody will head for the Opera house tonight, Friday December 8th, to enjoy the school entertainment to be given by the grade pupils of the Paw Paw schools.

This is the first general public entertainment to be given by the school thus far during the year, and teachers and pupils of the various grades have all been working hard in preparation for the event. One hundred and fifty pupils will take part in the program, and each grade from the first to eighth inclusive is busy in preparation for its part. The High school orchestra will also have an important part, and will render several selections during the program. There will not be a dull moment during the entire evening, and you will miss one of the finest entertainments of the year, if you stay away from this one.

The doors will be open at 7:15, and the entertainment will start promptly at 7:45. No reserved seats. First come first served. Following is the program:—

Music ----- Orchestra  
A Japanese Play, "Cherry Blossom's Party" ----- First Grade  
"Going to School in Mother Goose Land" ----- Second Grade  
Flower Dance -----  
Twelve Seventh Grade Girls Operetta, "The Toys Rebellion" -----  
Third Grade  
Assisted by two seventh grade boys  
American Folk Dance, Fourth Grade Playette, "Story Book Land" -----  
Fifth Grade  
Vocal Solo -----  
(A) Autumn Leaves -----  
(B) Lullaby ----- Margaret Hall  
Original Dramatization  
"Indian Legends and Cradle Song" -----  
Fourth Grade  
A Danish Folk Dance, -----  
"Weave the Wadmal" ----- Sixth Grade  
Music ----- Orchestra  
Original Dramatization,  
"The Ruggles are Invited Out" -----  
Seventh Grade  
Chorus -----  
(A) Thanksgiving Song -----  
(B) Annie Laurie ----- Eighth Grade  
Music ----- Orchestra

### LOCAL MAN IN BIG PROGRAM

The Fourth National Conference on Marketing and Farm Credits closed a six days session in Chicago yesterday. This is one of the most important Fruit and Farm meetings held in the United States during the whole year. Prominent men in the agricultural and commercial fields from all over the country, had important parts in the program. Our own townsman, G. E. Prater Jr. of the Wolverine Co-operative company was honored with a place on the big program. The subject assigned Mr. Prater was "Selling Michigan Certified Grapes," and was down for Tuesday afternoon last, to be followed by a discussion. He has made a special study of this subject and was instrumental in getting the Van Buren county grower interested in Certified Grapes. The fact that he was assigned a part in this program speaks well for his standing among the Fruit and Agricultural men of the country.

Attorney James E. Chandler and W. G. Bessey of South Haven and Lynn J. Lewis of Bangor were in Paw Paw on business Wednesday.

### MASONS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Last Tuesday night was the regular annual meeting of Paw Paw Lodge No. 25 F. and A. M. Following is the list of officers elected for the ensuing year:—

M. H. Young, W. M.; Harry Nash, S. W.; Leon Douglas, J. W.; E. F. Parks, Treas. Wm. Killefer, Sec.; Paul Smith, S. D.; Lloyd Held, J. D.;

The newly elected officers will be installed on Saints John's night, which will be observed as usual as "Past Masters' night. The third degree will be conferred at that time by past masters of the lodge. Past Master Wm. Sellick will preside as Worshipful Master.

### DEAL HEADING MILL WILL OPERATE AGAIN

The Joseph Deal heading mill will open again for business next season. Mr. Deal's representative was here on Monday to employ laborers to go into the woods and cut the heading. He owns a large amount of timber lands up the river. This will be cut and floated down the river ready for the mill next spring and summer. It is planned to cut enough to run at full capacity at least during the summer and fall. The Deal heading mill was at one time one of the substantial business concerns of Paw Paw and it is refreshing to know that it will again commence operations. The property was reported at one time to have been sold to a company in Toledo Ohio, but we understand that Joseph Deal Sr. who owns the property and that he will personally superintend the operation of the mill next season.

### GRIM REAPER ENDS BRIGHT PROSPECTS

### Scarlet Fever Claims Winifred Warner. Nurse at Hospital

Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. and Mrs. Willard D. Warner who are heartbroken over the death of their youngest daughter Winifred, who was laid to rest in Austin cemetery last Monday morning. The unfortunate young lady was stricken with scarlet fever at the State Hospital in Kalamazoo and was sick but a few days. Winifred Warner was born on June 2nd, 1897, and passed out of this life December 3rd, 1916, at the age of nineteen years, six months and one day. From the time of her birth, she had been sunshine in her home. Her even temper, quiet sunny disposition and christian character won friends for her, wherever she went. The first of this year, she began work at the Michigan State hospital in Kalamazoo, where she was taking a nurses course and devoting her heart and soul to her chosen work. She was happy in the prospect of the possibilities which seemed to be hers.

She leaves to mourn her untimely death, a father and mother, two sisters, Mrs. Earnest Thynne and Mrs. Charles German, two aged grand mothers, besides many other relatives and a large circle of devoted friends. The True Northerner joins in sympathy to the sorrowing parents.

### CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank our many friends and neighbors who assisted us during our sad bereavement. We thank the Riverside Sunday school Ladies Aid Society and the Nurses of the Michigan State hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Warner  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles German

H. L. McNeil was in Jackson last Monday on business connected with the I. O. O. F. home in that city, and was called there again this morning on the same kind of a mission. Mr. McNeil is chairman of the Board of Control of this institution.

There are only seventeen more days until Christmas. From now until that time this newspaper will be filled with many attractive features for the early Christmas shopper. The merchants have larger and better assortments than ever before and many elegant, attractive lines have been purchased. Each year more and more beautiful presents are offered the public, and every taste can be readily supplied right here in Paw Paw if people will come and make their purchases early. Do your shopping at home, trade among the people you know, where you are assured of a square deal, and your conscience will be clear and you will be satisfied.

We desire to impress upon you the necessity of making a careful and systematic study of the advertisements of our merchants from now until Christmas just as much as you do of the paper otherwise. Many times the price of this paper can be saved if you will make it your business to read carefully the offers of the business firms of our little city. It is pleasing to note the artistic window displays of the various business houses which plainly demonstrates the thrift and energy of our business people.

Occasionally we hear a slight complaint on account of carrying so much advertising; but remember, without advertising there would be no newspaper. The Northerner is printed all at home, and is filled with nothing but the best news of Paw Paw and surrounding country and the advertisements, besides being a source of revenue to the publishers, are mighty valuable to the reader. We will not issue a special Christmas edition this year, but every issue from now until Christmas will be a Christmas edition within itself. Read every issue carefully, and remember that Christmas seemingly comes one week earlier this year than usual because Thanksgiving was so late. It is imperative that you hustle.

Only Seventeen More Days Until Christmas

### PURELY LOCAL NEWS

Rev. A. O. Carman enjoyed a visit from his aged father last week.

Mrs. Levi Waite and daughter Vivian are visiting friends in Kalamazoo.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Engel ate their Thanksgiving dinner with relatives in Kalamazoo.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Nash spent several days last week with her mother in Lawrence.

Charles Harris and family were guests of relatives in Lawrence on Thanksgiving day.

Miss Josie Van Auken spent the week in Lawrence at the home of her niece, Mrs. Tim Carney.

The members of the Fourth grade enjoyed a picnic dinner last Wednesday in their class room at school.

Miss Pearl Stephens and mother went to Albion last Wednesday and spent the week end with relatives in that city.

Mrs. Harvey Sherman returned home last Sunday night from St. Joseph where she has been taking baths at the Hotel Whitcomb.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett McKinstry and mother Mrs. McKinstry of Chicago were guests on Thanksgiving day of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sellick.

Irwin Douglas, who has a fine position in Argo, Indiana came home last Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Bert Douglas, returning to his work Friday morning.

Billie Killefer returned home from the South last Tuesday evening and expects to remain here for the balance of his vacation. He reports a delightful hunting and fishing vacation spent at the Texas camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jacobs entertained for Thanksgiving dinner, Mrs. Jacob's mother Mrs. Guernsey of Bangor, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Guernsey and family and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Hayward and two daughters of Lawrence.

Mrs. Alice Grimes visited relatives in Allegan last week.

Miss Irene Lane spent the week end with friends in Dowagiac.

Mrs. Clara Woodman spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Keeler.

Frank Cooper of Schoolcraft was in Paw Paw on business last Monday.

Clarence Brown was a business caller in Allegan last Tuesday.

Mrs. Emma Campbell of Covert was the guest of Mrs. Mary Crandall the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Abbott and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cooley spent Sunday with friends in Lawrence.

Mrs. Harry Nash and the boys went to South Haven on Thanksgiving day to join Mr. Nash at the Hotel Johnson for dinner.

Mrs. Minnie Thompson and daughter Lucile and Mrs. Ralph Brown of Kalamazoo were calling on Paw Paw friends last Saturday.

Mrs. Irma Geldhof and son Lee of Chicago have been guests of her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lee and other Paw Paw relatives the past week.

Miss Audrey Cross was home from Union City to spend Thanksgiving with her parents. She is teaching the second grade in the city schools there and is delighted with the work.

Mrs. Elmer Hunt and two little ones from Lawrence, and Mrs. Guy Saunders and little daughter of Bangor were guests of their aunt Mrs. F. N. Wakeman Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Among the Paw Paw people who saw "Experience" at the Fuller theatre on Wednesday evening were, Mr. and Mrs. David Burk, Kirk Harrington, Eldred Fish, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Cline, C. W. Van Tassel and family, Miss Agnes Morrison, Bertha McEachron, Carl Wolfe, Larue Mosier and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cole.

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### GUESTS OF LAWTON MASONS

A party of local Masons, including M. H. Young, Wm. C. Mosier, Wm. Sellick, George Ernsberger, Dr. Van Vleck, Harold Spicer and F. N. Wakeman were guests of Lawton Lodge F. and A. M. last Monday evening. It was Past Master's night and during the afternoon and night, six were initiated into the mysteries of the Master Mason's degree. A six o'clock supper was served by the ladies of the M. E. church. The Paw Paw visitors are grateful for the courtesy and hospitality of the Lawton brothers.

### WILL COME TO OPEN MILLINERY PARLORS

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Geddes are coming back to Paw Paw. After leaving this place, they spent several months in the newspaper and job printing business at Rock Falls, Ill., since which time, they have been in Dewitt, Iowa, where Mrs. Geddes has conducted a Millinery store. The call of the old town is strong, and they have decided to come back, where Mrs. Geddes will open millinery parlors in the Sheldon building on Main street. Mrs. Alice Bacon, mother of Mrs. Geddes has been in Paw Paw the past week making the preliminary arrangements. She goes to Kalamazoo to visit friends and await their coming which will be about the first of the new year. Mrs. Bacon states that Mr. Geddes's health has been quite poor since leaving Paw Paw. The family have many Paw Paw friends who will be pleased to learn that this will again be their home.

### ANOTHER PAW PAW MAN MAKES RECORD

### O. H. P. Sheldon, has voted in Eighteen Successive Presidential Elections

The Free Press and Courier carried the story some weeks ago, of our venerable townsman, I. W. Van Fossen who has voted in seventeen successive Presidential elections. Without wishing to detract one iota from the glory of our good friend Mr. Van Fossen, The True Northerner presents another voter of Paw Paw, who goes him one better. O. H. P. Sheldon has voted in eighteen successive presidential elections, and from the present indications will be voting in several in the years to come. Mr. Sheldon's first presidential vote was for John C. Fremont in 1848, and he has never failed to cast a vote in every succeeding presidential election. Unlike Mr. Van Fossen, however, our hero did not stick to the "Faith" He groped in the dark and voted the democratic ticket until the great civil war, when he saw the "Light" and since that time has followed the straight and narrow path, casting his vote each time for the republican nominee. This fact will be a great comfort to him in later years when he reaches the autumn of life.

Mr. Sheldon is really a remarkable man. He will be ninety-two years of age next Monday, and is as spry today as many of the boys barely out of their teens. He is clear of eye, reads readily without glasses, is brisk of step and carries himself as straight as an arrow. He is well versed on the current events of the day, and it is really a pleasure to converse with him on almost any subject. His locks are getting a little white, but he is still "One of the Boys" and the writer confidently expects him to assist in electing a republican president in 1920. Here's to the Grand Old Man who will reach the ninety-second milestone of life's journey next Monday December eleventh. May he reach the century mark and then some.

Miss Mildred Van Tassel is the new clerk at the Leland Gorton music store

### COTERIE SELLING RED CROSS SEALS

**To Assist in the Great Fight against White Plague. Buy Liberally.**

### WAGE NATION WIDE CAMPAIGN

**Every Hamlet Contributes Its Share to Check the Disease.**

The Annual Red Cross Christmas Seal sale has been started in Paw Paw. The Coterie takes charge of this sale this year, and its members confidently expect to realize a handsome sum to help swell the fund to continue the national fight against tuberculosis.

This is a nation wide movement, and rapid strides have already been made toward the elimination of this terrible disease. Last year the national society realized \$800,000 from the sale of Christmas seals, and this year its members hope to exceed that sum. Paw Paw has already done its share towards the humanitarian project, and will no doubt do more this year than ever before.

When some member of the Coterie calls on you, buy just as liberally as you feel you can, for every cent that is realized from the sale of these seals is turned over to the anti-tuberculosis fund, and you know that it is money given in a good cause.

It is not an act of charity alone, for the seals are pretty and attractive, and can be used to good advantage in the wrapping of your Christmas parcels.

There is no revenue in this for the Coterie. It is simply an act of kindness to assist in this great movement. Do your part by contributing a liberal amount in the purchase of seals.

### CHARGED WITH STEALING CAR

Duane Delong of Arlington was arrested by Sheriff Beattie last Tuesday morning on a charge of stealing an automobile. It is charged that Delong, who is a young man twenty-two years of age took the car from the C. W. Tyler place, also of Arlington last Sunday night, and drove it to South Haven and then eight miles Northeast of Glenn, where it was found by the wayside. It is alleged that Delong abandoned the car there and returned home where he was found by the sheriff.

### ANNUAL CHAPTER MEETING

The regular annual convocation of Paw Paw chapter No. 34 R. A. M. will occur next Monday evening December 11th. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected, and other business of interest to the chapter transacted. A large attendance of Chapter Masons is desired for this meeting.

### BACK FEELING FINE

Uncle Nat Bangs returned the first of the week from Kalamazoo where he has been taking treatment at the Bronson hospital. Uncle Nat is probably not quite so young as he used to be, but he is feeling fine, and is as spry as a cricket.

### FELLOWSHIP CLUB

The first meeting of the Fellowship club for the coming year will be held at the Coterie club house on Tuesday evening December 12th. This will be "Ladies Night" and a special program has been prepared. One of the important features will be an address by Mrs. Ruth Mosier of Dowagiac. It is hoped that the full membership of the club will be present for the opening meeting.